

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 2315

March 1, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) Provides a mechanism for a constitutional convention to consider altering, reforming, or abolishing Article II, Sections 3-18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27; Article III, Sections 2, 12, 18; and Article V to provide for a unicameral legislature; (2) requires the question of calling a constitutional convention to be submitted to the voters at the August 2000 election; and (3) requires the Secretary of State to publish notice of such an election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

In the fiscal note issued on February 2, number 3 of the items for informational purposes shown below was not included. The fiscal impact remains the same and is as follows.

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 One-Time

Assumes:

- A cost of \$20,000 to publish notices in the newspaper in each county.
- Election expenses will be minimal, since the question of calling a convention will be placed on the regular August election ballot.

For information purposes, the following should be noted:

1. Estimated cost of holding a constitutional convention with 33 delegates to consider the multiple issues contained in the bill is as follows: A constitutional convention lasting 15 days is estimated to cost approximately \$108,000. A constitutional convention requiring 20 days is estimated to cost approximately \$140,000. A constitutional convention requiring 30 days is estimated to cost approximately \$205,000.
2. Estimated cost to hold a statewide referendum that is not conducted in conjunction with a statewide election is approximately \$4,000,000.
3. To the extent that voters choose to have a constitutional convention; delegates to the convention adopt a unicameral legislature, and voters approve such recommendations, there would be an estimated decrease in state expenditures. It is assumed that a legislature consisting of one body as opposed to two would have fewer members. The amount of such decrease would depend on the number of members recommended in the constitutional convention to represent the people. Assuming this number would be at least 66 but no more than 99 legislative members, the estimated reduction in state expenditures would range from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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